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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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SAVED BY THE BLOOD

The Church of God Honors The Blood of Jesus For What it Was Shed.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD.

Even if some do say that the blood of Jesus is no more than the blood of any other man, we have found it of great worth. As far back as in the days of the writer of Hebrews referring to the law of Moses it was said that "without shedding of blood is no remission." (Heb. 9:23.)

The shedding of the blood of animals under the law was only typical of the shedding of the blood of Jesus for the remission of our sins. Of the shedding of His own blood Jesus said, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Mat. 26:28.) Because of this and other Scriptures we conclude it is not wrong to say, Saved by the Blood.

This same thought is expressed by Jesus when He was instructing His disciples before they reached Jerusalem with Him for the last time before the crucifixion. He said, "The Son of man came *** to give his life a ransom for many." (Mat. 20:28.) This does not specially mention the blood, but He said, "Give his life," and "the blood is the life" so it is practically saying that His blood would be shed as "a ransom for many."

In discussing the question of salvation through Jesus Paul says, "Christ died for the ungodly." And further on in his discussion he says, "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." These expressions imply that His blood was shed. This can be illustrated in the following manner, viz. A man was enraged at another and determined to slay him. A third ran in between the contending parties and warding off the blows from the one he loved permitting the fury of the adversary to be spent on him. Although he was slain in the struggle he saved the life of the other by permitting him to escape while he stood in the way. In this way his blood was shed for the one he loved.

While Satan was contending with us and determined to drag the whole human race to hell, Jesus loved us so well that He ran in between and received the blows that took His precious life, and caused His blood to flow from His veins. This is what Paul means when he says, "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8.)

These verses show that Jesus died both for the ungodly and sinners, while the ungodly were yet ungodly and the sinners were yet sinners. This does not say that He did not forgive sins in a few instances while He was on the earth before He died, but it does say that He died for the ungodly while they were still in their state of ungodliness, and also for the sinners while they were yet in their sins. (Rom. 5:8,9.) After having considered the above Scriptures we conclude we are not wrong by saying we are saved by the blood. But to make this point still clearer call attention to the following verse which specially mentions the blood as a means of salvation. After having passed over on the other side and recognized some of the benefits derived from the death of Christ

the apostle adds, "Being now justified by his blood." If to be justified means to be saved from our sins, then it must be done through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. If this is true, then we are ready to repeat the good words, Saved by the blood.

In order to magnify and honor the blood we wish to call attention to other Scriptures on the same subject. "But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come," but not "by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the Holy place having obtained eternal redemption for us." (Heb. 9:12.) The writer finishes up the chapter by saying, "Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many." (Heb. 9:28.) This would still indicate that we are saved by the blood.

Continuing this subject please notice that Peter states that "Christ also hath once suffered for sins *** that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh." (1 Peter 2:1.) Here is a description of more shedding of blood for our sins. He was put to death for our sins and this means again that the blood was shed for our sins. Peter also states that Jesus "His own self bare our own sins in his own body on the tree." (1 Peter 2:24.) This shows that He was taking our sins away from us while His blood was being shed. And indeed "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." (1 Cor 15:3.) So we are truly on safe footing when we are saved by the blood.

In John's introduction to the Revelation he says among other things that Jesus "loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." (Rev. 1:5.) This is a plain statement that the blood of Jesus washes away our sins. Following this view it is not so difficult to understand what Ananias meant when he told Paul to "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:16.) He was to be baptized with water, there are no objections to that, but the blood, and not water, was to wash away his sins while he was calling on the name of the Lord.

But this is not all the blood does for humanity. The Church of God honors the blood of Jesus for what it was shed. Truly it was shed to wash away our sins, and justify us, and save us, but there is more to it besides this. We truly have forgiveness of sins through His blood (Col. 1:14) but there are other things besides that we wish to consider.

In his epistle to the Ephesians Paul says of the Gentiles, who were so far away from God, that by the blood they are brought near. "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." (Eph 2:13.) By the shedding of the blood the Jews and Gentiles are brought together, the middle wall of partition broken down, and of the two, one new man is made. (Eph. 2:14-17.) The plan is made for all nations and peoples to be brought together through the blood of Christ. This cer-

tainly shows there is power in the blood.

In referring to the power of the blood to change and make new those who trust in it Peter says, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Peter 1:18,19.)

After Paul shows we have redemption through the blood of Christ, and he explains that this redemption is the forgiveness of sins, he swings away over into the unknown and says, "Having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in his sight." (Col. 1:20-22.) And this all done "through the blood of his cross."

This now brings us to another phase of the subject that is necessary to cover in order to honor the blood as we wish.

In dealing with salvation and cleansing we are told by John that if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7.) The same thought is presented by the writer of Hebrews where he says, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." (Heb. 13:12.)

Now, the above Scriptures make it clear that we are sanctified by the blood of Jesus, as this precious blood was shed outside the gate for that purpose, but I wish to emphasize this part of the subject because it is sometimes neglected. In giving further instructions about the power of the blood to sanctify, the writer says, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

From the fact of His body being made an offering shows that His blood was shed, so this is more proof of the sanctifying power of the blood. Further on down in the chapter the writer plainly shows it is by the blood when he says, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus." (Heb. 10:19.)

Before leaving this part of the subject we wish to give a comparison given at Hebrews 9:13,14. "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ (sanctify and purify), who through the eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The types and shadows of the law, and all of the teachings of both the Old and New Testaments, place special emphasis on the sacredness and power of the blood of Jesus. Well might the poet sing:

"By Jesus' precious blood we're saved from sin,
Which flowed on Calvary's brow;
It washes me and makes me pure within;
I feel its cleansing now."

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shed, and we have plainly seen by the above discussion that the blood was shed to save from sin and sanctify wholly. We honor and recognize Jesus our Savior and Lord as having by the shedding of His blood obtained eternal inheritance for us.

There is another feature concerning the value of the blood that we do not want to overlook here. It is the purchase of the Church with the blood. The Church must be very dear to the Lord or He would not have inspired so much written about it. When Paul called the elders of the Church at Ephesus to him at Miletus he gave them some special instructions. During his discourse he stated that he had not shunned to declare to them all the counsel of God and added thus, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with His own blood." (Acts 20:28.) This is to say that the Lord purchased the Church and the price He paid for it was His own blood. When we look at it in this light it surely makes the Church seem dearer to us than ever.

Paul at Ephesians (5:25) said Jesus gave Himself for the Church, but here in Acts he states plainly that it was the blood of our precious Lord that was given as a purchase price. Oh, how I love the Church this moment! I have loved it for years, but I seem to love it better now as I think of it having been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus.

I wonder how people can speak lightly of the ever blessed Church of God, or ignore it, when it is so valuable in the sight of the Lord that He gave His blood as a purchase price for it. I feel like speaking of it in more endearing terms, and with more reverence than ever. It is not so much of a wonder that Paul wrote of it as the body of Christ when it was purchased by Him at such a cost. He must have esteemed it of more value than His own precious blood or He certainly would not have given His blood in exchange for it.

I wish I could have language at my command sufficient to encourage the people to place a higher estimate on the value of the dear and blessed Church of God for which the chief jewel of heaven gave His life's blood. (Eph. 5:25.) I believe it is worth more than we know. No doubt each member is worth more to the Lord than we are able to comprehend. If we only knew the value of that precious blood we might be better able to understand.

Peter must have had some knowledge of its worth when he referred to it as "the precious blood of Christ" that redeemed us from the fall and vanity of common life. If the blood is so precious then what could the Church be but more precious, when He has purchased it with His own blood. (Acts 20:28.)

We cannot at this time continue this subject further, and tell of healing for our bodies, the blessings of life, and the glories of heaven that await us, all because of the precious blood of Jesus that was shed so freely for us. We conclude by repeating that the great Church of God honors the blood for all that it means, whether its members fully comprehend it or not. The blood, the blood, the precious blood of Christ.

EARNESTNESS AND ENTHUSIASM

This is no Time to be Forgetful or Neglectful of Duty.

WE HAVE TO WORK HARD OR DO NO GOOD.

One of the best tributaries to the Church is the Sunday school, but it always takes much earnestness and enthusiasm on the part of the workers to have a good interesting Sunday school.

I have been much surprised quite recently to learn of some of our churches that do not maintain a Sunday school. I wonder how they live. What do they hope for if the children are neglected? We acknowledge that Timothy received much of his training and teaching from his mother and grandmother, but very few children will receive such training in these days if they do not get it in the Sunday school.

Paul said of Timothy that the Bible knowledge he had received in his childhood days from his parents made him wise unto salvation. He knew so much about the Bible that when Paul presented to him the gospel he was ready to accept it and became a Christian at once, and was soon called into the ministry with Paul.

I remember distinctly of conducting a revival several years ago where some of the more zealous lovers of the Lord in the neighborhood were conducting a small Sunday school. The Sunday school scholars were the first to be saved, and when they were all saved it was very hard to reach others, and there was but very little more done. I used to notice this very frequently when I was in revival work. The Sunday school scholars seem to be more ready, like Timothy to accept salvation when the preacher comes.

It takes earnestness and enthusiasm to run a Sunday school successfully, but I would not give much for a neighborhood or village that does not try to have a Sunday school of some kind. And if there are places that do not have people of earnestness and enthusiasm, well, I would not want to make such a place my home. I have said I would not stay at a place long if I could not have a Sunday school. I feel exactly that way about it yet.

And I am afraid a person is not a very good church member if he does not have earnestness and enthusiasm. And I think such earnest and enthusiastic people will usually take more or less interest in Sunday school in proportion to their opportunity and ability.

With all the religious work there is to do, and the millions of souls that are dropping into hell, there is no time to be forgetful or neglectful of duty. James says be not forgetful, and the writer of Hebrews says do not be neglectful, and I say, Do not be forgetful or neglectful either.

The governments are calling for more men to go to the front to fight, suffer, and die for their country. God is calling for more men and women, too, to go to the front in the work of the gospel and suffer hardships, and die for Jesus' sake. The governments want men of earnestness and enthusiasm, and so does the Lord want men of the same stripe, except He wants those that are full of the Holy Ghost besides.

The Sunday school is a kind of an army camp where the children are trained up to be good soldiers of Jesus Christ later on in life.

There is a great difference in children that are trained in Sunday school and those that are not. Those who are trained in Sunday school know how to reverence the Bible and kneel down when the older people pray, but usually those who are left to grow up without such training know nothing about respecting the house of God and showing reverence to the good old Book when it is read.

It takes earnestness and enthusiasm to pay tithes, and offerings besides. Without this people will become forgetful, and neglect their duty, and fail to receive the blessings God has promised those that are faithful. The enemy of souls is busy trying to get people to forget and neglect their duty. I am sorry to know he is successful in many instances, but there are many earnest and enthusiastic Christians that are stirring up those who seem to become less earnest and therefore he is defeated many, many times in his cunning attempts to lull the people to sleep.

With all the oppositions there are to real Christianity we have to work hard or do no good. Quite recently I heard some one say that they were holding religious services on the battle fields in France under the bursting of shells, and while severe fighting was in progress. If they can do that, surely we ought to endure almost anything and still work right on in our Sunday schools and meetings.

How members can stay out of services is a mystery to me unless they are forced to do so by something they cannot control. But to merely stay away when they could go if they only had a little more earnestness and enthusiasm it seems to me is a sin that will have to be repented of if they ever get to heaven.

Some one has said we are "saved to serve." There is certainly much truth in this. While God may not save us merely to get us to serve, yet He evidently expects us to serve when we are saved, and if we will not serve we are of no benefit to Him. And people are but little benefit in the Lord's work if they do not have enough earnestness and enthusiasm to attend the regular services for worship, pay their tithes and offerings, and lend their assistance some way in the Sunday school.

I wish to repeat that we have to work hard or do no good. Not that the work is hard in the way of being unpleasant, but although it is enjoyable it is really hard work to do it well.

Some people remind me of a team I used to plow. When I started in with them in the spring of the year they were full of life and the first few rounds they would about run the legs off of me to keep up with them, but they were soon dripping with sweat and blowing so that I had to stop and let them rest a long time. Some people become enthused and run out into the service a few weeks and then have to stop a long time and cool off.

But this is not the best way. When Elisha started he burned his plow and slew and boiled his oxen and it is not known that he ever went back to the plow or drove another yoke of oxen.

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Home Missionary day Sunday June 9.

Reports show that God is giving gracious revivals and outpourings of the Holy Ghost.

There are many indications that the tide of Pentecostal glory is still rising, and that the Church of God is shining brighter.

We have decided to open the Bible Training School immediately after the Assembly. Those who expect to attend should make preparations to enter the very first day.

We expect to have a sufficient supply of Sunday school literature to supply the demand for next quarter, and it is almost time to place your orders. It is very encouraging and gratifying to know the Sunday school work is receiving so much attention and growing so rapidly.

Do nothing you would not want the Lord to find you doing when He comes. Engage in no conversation you would not want Him to hear. The judgment is before you and you will have to give account to God for every wrong act and every idle word.

A brief note from Brother J. S. Llewellyn states he arrived on the island of Jamaica about the tenth of May. Following are a few words from his hand, viz: "Well, safe and sound in Jamaica. Good time yesterday; God blest in a wonderful way. One received the Holy Ghost in the first service. Can't tell what the final results will be."

In closing his letter accompanying a nice list of subscriptions, and order for one hundred fans, Brother Hopkins says, "May the Lord prosper and keep the Evangel office force in health." We very much appreciate such good wishes and prayers. We do not have the privilege of vacations, holidays, or rest spells, because it takes all our time to keep the business going to keep from disappointing our large family of readers. We want to bless others whether we have any rest or not. Of course we must have health or fail. Thank God for the way He blesses us in this respect.

Remember we are preparing a Junior quarterly again for the coming quarter. The demand for this quarterly so far surpassed our expectation that we did not have enough to anything like supply the demand, but come on with your orders, we will do better the next time.

We would like to send the "hot

weather fans" out free, but we are not able to do this, so we have placed a very small price on them when they are ordered by the quantity. This will help us pay postage and a part of the original cost. I suppose these are the only "gospel fans" in existence. I never saw nor heard of anything like them. Order a quantity and in this way help us publish the gospel. They are to give away like tracts, although there are no objections to selling them. We have filled one order of 500. Several have ordered 100. Come on it is hot weather now, and this is the time to fan, and why not get people to fan with a fan covered with the gospel instead of other ornaments?

Remember that Home Missionary day is Sunday June 9. Make your announcements before hand so all will know when it is coming so they will go prepared for the good time of contributing to such an important fund

Do not forget to help us roll up the subscriptions. We are gradually climbing toward the ten thousand mark, 9,000 this week, but we must not let it stop there. If we stop now we will never reach it. But we are not going to stop. I fancy I hear many enthusiastic workers say. We will not stop. We will try a little harder rather than submit to defeat. We must have the ten thousand. Any time you want more subscription blanks and extra copies you only have to drop us a card and tell us where to send them.

Pulaski, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for Jesus. I am so glad I am still saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and on the battlefield for Jesus.

We began a revival here in Pulaski four weeks ago and it is still going on. Several have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Thirteen have been baptized in water and there are others to follow. The meeting is getting better all the time.

Friends, let us do our best for Jesus. I feel the "go ye" burning in my soul. Glory!

Please pray for me that I may be faithful unto the end.

Yours in Jesus,
 Arthur Fortner.

Berea, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints:

May God bless you all. Praise God, I am still "one of them" and by the grace of God I mean to go through. Jesus is coming soon and I want a home in heaven where there is no trouble but all is peace.

I want to do more for my Jesus. By His help I mean to go and tell people to get ready to meet Him.

Six years ago God put me on the run for heaven and I started to walk in all the light. I desire your prayers that I may be a soul winner.

Your brother,
 Jim Wylie.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I do praise the Lord this morning for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. He baptized me with the Holy Ghost more than a year ago and I am still in the way that leads to life eternal.

Jesus is my healer. He has healed me many times. Oh! how I do want to be a light for Him. He has done so much for me.

Please pray that we may have a church established here. These people need the gospel.

Your sister in Christ,
 Mrs. Hattie Edwards.

Notice.

Anyone wishing a tent meeting write C. C. Walker or W. R. Messer, McCall, S. C.

Catchings, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints Throughout the World: I praise God this morning for victory over sin. Nearly six years ago the Lord wonderfully saved me from my sins, sanctified my soul and filled me with the Holy Ghost. The fire of God's love is still burning in my soul. I know I have a greater determination to go through than ever before. My heart yearns to do His will in everything.

The Lord revealed His church to me and I accepted the light and was added to it.

I trust God for my healing. Since He saved me I have never taken any medicine nor given any to our children. The Lord heals us when we get sick. Praise His name forever! I am earnestly contending for the faith and power once delivered unto the saints.

I praise the Lord for the way He is working in these last days. On May 15, my husband, Sister Tucker and myself were called to Colby for a few days meeting. The Lord met with us in power. He certainly confirmed the Word with signs following. Two were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

One lady who had never seen the power of God manifested, lay under the power for two hours and the Spirit would speak through her. Sinners were convinced of God's power.

On Sunday evening three followed the Lord in water baptism. It was blessed to see them as they marched hand in hand into the water praising and glorifying God. The hearts of people were broken up by it.

The first person Brother Cook ever baptized was dear grandmother Miller, sixty-five years of age. She certainly shouted under the power of God and made the water ripple.

At this place the sick were healed by the mighty power of God.

The Lord met with us last night at our regular service at Colaho. The house was crowded. The saints rejoiced and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Many came forward for prayer.

Pray much for us at this place that we may be used of the Lord in winning souls.

We would be glad for Brother Mullen to come back again, or some one who feels led of the Lord.

Please have a special prayer for our little boy, who has a growth on his neck, that God may be glorified in healing him.

Your bloodwashed sister,
 Mrs. G. T. Cook.

Center Hill, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. I have the victory in my soul. Praise His dear name!

I praise Him for forgiving my sins, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for the way He keeps me and heals my body. Praise His precious name!

Oh, how my soul goes out for lost souls! I am so anxious to do something for Jesus. I am looking for His appearing.

Your sister,
 Minnie Morgan.

Tate, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am thanking God for saving and sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

I praise the Lord for sending Brother and Sister Rembert to preach for us.

I request the saints to pray that God will give us a gracious revival.

Your brother,
 John N. Adams.

Empire, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus. I praise Him for victory in my soul. Glory to God!

I am so glad the Lord sent Brother Simpson here to preach the truth as it is laid down in the Bible and I accepted it and about two years ago I was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Glory to God!

I praise the Lord for the wonderful meeting He gave us Sunday night. The Spirit of the Lord was poured out upon us. One was added to the church God's children at this place are still pressing on. We praise Him for His goodness and kindness to us.

Millie Hill.

Crossville, Ala.

Dear Saints of God:

I am so glad to tell you I have the victory over sin and the devil. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. Glory to God! The Holy Ghost speaks at His will.

I believe I am wholly given up to Jesus. Oh, I am so happy in this way! He healeth all my diseases and I trust Him for my little children. This is a victorious way. He carries all my burdens. The load gets too heavy for me sometimes and I just give it to Jesus. My heart was nearly broken when my two boys were taken to the army, but Jesus whispered, "Cast all your care upon me." This I quickly did.

I am so glad I have the blessed Comforter in these perilous times. He has taught me so many things that I could have never known without Him. He is calling me deeper and deeper into His will.

I want the children of God to pray for me. There is not another Pentecostal person near me. I want to help in spreading this glorious gospel of the kingdom. I can't do much—there are things to hinder. I desire your prayers that I may have my freedom if it is His will.

With the Holy Ghost as teacher I will live so I can meet you all in the air. Then I can shout and praise Him forever and ever and have a part in crowning Him King of kings and Lord of lords.

I do want to do something to help people get salvation. I do love the precious people. They do not know what they are missing. They have heard false reports about the Holiness people and having never heard it preached they haven't much chance. I do wish some good minister who is really filled with the Holy Ghost would come here and hold a tent meeting. I am ready to do anything God wants me to do.

With love for a lost world,
 Mrs. W. F. Maynor.

Flatwood, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for what He is to me. I praise Him for this great salvation. I am saved and cleansed and filled with the Holy Ghost. God is so good to me. Praise His blessed name!

I want to be ready when Jesus comes or calls. I want to go sweeping through the pearly gates and be with Jesus.

I feel that I am the least of all God's children but I do want to do something to help people to get saved.

How my heart goes out for more of the love of Jesus as I see the end approaching. I truly believe that this is the beginning of sorrows. May God help us to lay aside everything that would hinder us.

Your humble sister,
 Ellen Ward.

Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am so anxious to do or say something for our soon coming King. We are here where there are no saints with whom we can assemble for worship.

Our son, fourteen years of age, has the baptism of the Holy Ghost as at Pentecost. He is the only one in town so far as I know. My husband and I are sanctified but have not yet received the baptism. We earnestly desire the prayers of the saints that we may soon receive.

Our son is a member of the Church of God at Point, at which place he received the Holy Ghost last summer. We hope to be members soon.

Please help us pray that God will send some of the ministers of the church to preach the truth here. These people have never heard it. I am trusting Him to send the light to this dark corner.

The Lord is being wonderfully good to us in healing our bodies.

Your sister in Christ,
 Mrs. Geo. Leavelle.

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He had so much fire in him that his bones brought a man to life again a long time after the dear old man was dead.

I like the kind of zeal and earnestness that was displayed by many of the dear old saints of Bible times. They worked hard. They were not forgetful nor neglectful of their duty. They died in the service. Only death could stop them.

I want to encourage our people to be earnest and determined as our forefathers were in Bible times. The Lord offers a premium on earnestness and enthusiasm and hard work. This is shown by the parable of the talents. It is shown by the fact that Jesus said, "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give to every man according as his work shall be." (Rev. 22:12.) It is known by another saying of Jesus, viz: "Not every one that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven: but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt 7:21.)

Let us do our best in every way we can and lose no time, and some day we will be glad we had so much earnestness and enthusiasm and worked so hard and attended services so faithfully.

Alachua, Fla.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am so glad of this way of holiness. It is so good to know we are right with God. Praise His name!

I praise the Lord for saving me from sin, sanctifying me wholly and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

There are greater things ahead for God's children. I want to be so wrapped in God's love that He can have His way with me. I want to go deeper into God.

Brethren and sisters, let us press onward, pray, weep and fast much for the world is in darkness. Jesus says we are the light of the world. Let us let our light shine.

Your brother,
 George L. Hadsock.

Dunn, La.

The latter rain is falling and Brother Haynes is certainly giving out the Word. Six were baptized with the Holy Ghost last night, and others were sanctified and under the power. The Lord is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Glory to His precious name!

Pray for the work here.
 Yours in Christ Jesus,
 Herbert Walker.

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Secretary and Treasurer

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EVANGEL OFFICE**Evangelists Notice.**

Read this carefully and do not misunderstand. We now have the new certificate forms ready and according to the ruling of the last Assembly it will be necessary for all the Evangelists to have their credentials renewed.

DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the central office we will call them in by sections. Please do not send until your section is called. The first section will include all west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists of the Church of God now laboring west of the Mississippi river, that on and after the fifth day of February 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and, therefore, you are hereby authorized to send your old credentials to the principle office at Cleveland, Tenn., to have them replaced with new ones that are good for 1918.

SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama:

Be it known to all Evangelists now laboring in the state of Alabama that on and after February 15 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:

Be it known to all the Evangelists, now laboring in Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia, that on and after February 25 your old credentials are declared null and void and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

FOURTH SECTION.

Fla., N. C., S. C.

Be it known to all the Evangelists whose church membership is in Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina, that on and after March 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

FIFTH SECTION.

Tenn., Ky., Va., W. Va., Pa., Md., Ohio, Ill., Mich., and all other places in the United States not named above.

Be it known to all Evangelists whose membership is in the above named states or any other place in the United States not named above, that on and after May 25, 1918, your old credentials are declared null and void, and you are hereby authorized to send same to the head office at Cleveland, Tenn., for renewal.

As the year is getting so far along we will not recall credentials from ministers in the Bahama Islands or other foreign countries, and their office will hold good until next Assembly. This is the last call for this year. I hope all will pay attention to it and let us get through with it as quickly as possible.

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West Union, S. C.

To All the Evangel Family—
Love and Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I'm so glad I still have victory over sin. I am trusting God for soul and body. Praise His name forever!

Beloved, "we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."—1 Cor. 15:51, 52. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, (the glorified and risen dead) in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The time is near when Jesus will come to take out a people for His bride and will give her His name. Yes, we shall be called the Bride, the Lamb's wife. She will be His pride and glory. He will be glorified in her through the ages of the ages. As He presents her in all her beauty, she, in her pride and glory, points to her royal Bridegroom and tells of His wondrous redeeming love.

Yes, the time is at hand. Jesus has given us many signs by which we are to know that His coming is near, even at the door. He said that the wise should know. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament."—Dan. 12:3. Oh, beloved, are we watching? are we waiting? Will we be ready to escape all the awful things that are coming on the earth?

To many who are looking it will be a day of darkness, no light in it for them. He will come with all the brightness of heaven. The saints will see all His glory and will hear the bells of heaven ringing; they will be caught away, swallowed up in all this brightness and glory.

But the poor lost world will sleep on. So suddenly will these things transpire that they will not know it until too late. Some will realize what has happened when they find that these foolish (?) cranks (?) have disappeared.

Hark! we can almost hear them marshaling the hosts of heaven; we can almost see the banquet. The great preparation is soon coming. Oh, dear reader, will you accept the invitation to the Marriage Supper in the skies? Oh, Glory to God! I will meet you there. "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."—Rev. 19:9.

I find myself many times looking and longing for Jesus to come. Oh, may we all be ready when the midnight cry is given to go and reign with Christ on His throne.

Your humble sister,
Emma Henson.

East Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I want to praise God for what He has done for me during the past ten years. I remember very well how He blessed me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost under the tent—the first to receive the Holy Ghost at Ridgedale. Bless the Lord! He still speaks for Himself; if He didn't I would not be satisfied. I love Him above everything. Praise His name!

I thank God for healing my body. I praise Him for the saints who held me up to Him when I was healed.

I praise the Lord for His keeping power. I feel the fire burning in my soul this morning.

I love the Church of God. I am glad I can have a little place in it.

I desire your prayers that I may stay low and humble at Jesus' feet until He comes or calls.

Your sister,
M. O. Heard.

Great Lakes, Ill.

Dear Saints of God and Readers of The Evangel:

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the mighty Holy Ghost and am still trusting God for soul and body.

I long to be back once more with the true saints of God. One is lonely out in this old world away from people who love the way of the cross, take the Bible as it really is and speak in tongues as the disciples did on the day of Pentecost.

I mean to stick to the Bible ways and to the teaching of the Church of God.

The happiest part of my life has been since I gave my heart and life to God. I have seen some hard times since I left home and I have been tempted and scorned and put through some hard tests, but I bear my burdens with ease because God has led the way for me to escape. Glory! Hallelujah! It is sweet to trust in Jesus and I mean to go all the way with Him by His help, let it cost me my head.

I may have to leave here at any time and I do not know where I shall have to go. I beg you all to pray for me because I want to go to heaven and Satan is doing everything he can to drag me down.

I may never see home again but I hope we shall all meet around the beautiful throne of God where we shall never have to separate again, where there will be no heartaches to bear. Glory to God!

I ask you dear saints to get one subscriber to the Evangel. You have no idea how much help it is to one out in the lost world.

I ask you all to pray for me each day that I may be kept from the evils of this world.

Your unworthy brother,
G. F. Danehower.

Greensboro, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am so glad I can report victory through the precious blood of the Lamb. I am so glad that Jesus saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and He abides this morning.

I have been in this way more than seven years and am more encouraged to press on than ever before.

I trust God for the healing of my body. He has healed me when my friends said I would die if something wasn't done for me. Praise the Lord! He never fails if we trust Him. Thank God for the desire I have in my heart to trust Him to the end.

Sister Parker and I are here at Greensboro where the full gospel has never been preached before. This is one of the little dark corners, but there are some hungry hearts here. People are getting under conviction and want the blessing.

We have met one person who has the Holy Ghost.

We covet the prayers of God's children for the people of this place.

Yours in His service,
Mamie Walker.

Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for His goodness to me. Bless His name! Jesus is so near and dear to me.

Last winter I attended the Pentecostal meetings. Brother R. A. Fielden was pastor at that time. I was wonderfully sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Oh, bless the Lord! The blessing I have received I cannot express.

I was once a member of the Methodist Church, but I am so glad I learned of higher experiences than it taught. Praise God for His wonderful power! I can feel His dear presence while writing.

I mean to go all the way with Jesus. He is all in all to me. Praise His name!

I ask an interest in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,
Metta Ritch.

Charleston, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus Name:

I am still shouting the victory. Glory to Jesus!

I praise the Lord for what He is doing for the people out at Union Grove. Twice each week a few saints gather at this place to worship a true and living God.

Two weeks ago the Lord did wonderfully bless in our little prayer meeting. One was saved and one was sanctified. Hallelujah to Jesus!

I praise God for sending Brother McLain out here to give out the Word. I am thankful, too, for Brother Crye and Brother Barrett to preach the gospel to us another year. I feel that they will be a great help to the people at this place.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may ever be found doing the Master's will.

Your sister in Christ,
Nellie Cason.

Special Notice.

The State Assembly for Ga. is announced to be held during the campmeeting at Bethel, near Melrose, which begins July 1.

The subjects will be given out at the meeting.

There may be some Bishops and Deacons to ordain.

M. S. Lemons,
Overseer of Ga. C. C.

Morristown, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to our dear Lord for healing my eyes. They were in a bad condition, but not too bad for the Lord. Praise His name!

I had the privilege of attending the meeting at Williston. The Lord certainly blessed Sister Shepherd in giving out the Word. I enjoyed being with that happy band.

I have had the baptism of the Holy Ghost eleven months and the way is so sweet to me. I want to become more like Jesus every day.

I desire the prayers of the saints.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. W. C. Lewis.

Manila, Philippine Islands.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Since I have been in the navy I have received from a sister of the Church of God here in Manila, the light of the baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues as the evidence.

I have read some of your articles on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and as I look in the Scriptures I see that it is Scriptural. I desire the prayers of the people that I may receive the baptism. I am honest and want the baptism. I am not writing because I have nothing else to do.

I want the power; I am willing to pay the price. I have done all I know to do and I feel that there is nothing between me and the Lord.

Please ask God to show me where I am lacking. I know God is not slack concerning His promises. He saves and sanctifies me just now and I believe I'm near the experience I desire, but there seems to be something hindering. I must have the baptism.

I would be glad to hear from some of the people who have received the Holy Ghost. Telling me their experience would be a great help to me. I want to press on and not give up. Hallelujah! I have the "go through" spirit within me. Glory to Jesus!

Your brother in Christ,
Clarence Orr.

Request.

Mrs. Alice Ramsey, of Docona, Alabama, is suffering as a result of lagrippe having settled in her right side and desires prayer for her healing.

Home Mission Receipts.

Church, Toonigh, Ga., \$ 3 25
Sunday School, Ladonia, Texas, 5 40
Jess Robison, Ooltewah, Tenn., 3 00

Foreign Mission Receipts.

Church, Sunburst, N. O. \$ 3 00
" Hiawasse, Tenn., 0 70
" Copperhill, " 2 17
" Campaign, " 5 76
" McMinnville, " 2 71

Mrs. M. C. King, Watertown, Fla., 1 00
Church, Garrison, W. Va., 4 05
Sunday School, Ladonia, Texas, 9 20
Church, Abbeville, Ga., 2 15
" Fitzgerald, Ga., 1 40
Mattie Pasmore, Whittier, N. C., 1 00
Church, Philadelphia, Pa., 1 50
" Wimauma, Fla., 1 90
" Bompas Creek, Ill., 4 40

McComb, City, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for victory in my soul. Glory to God for Jesus! We are having good meetings. The power is falling and souls are getting saved and are shouting and dancing under the mighty power of God.

There is a blind girl here who has received the Holy Ghost and her eyesight is coming to her.

The devil is enraged against us. Last Monday night I was attacked by seven men who beat me until my back was black. As a result of it I am confined to my bed. I desire the saints to pray for my healing. I am still standing true to Jesus.

Your brother in Christ,
John L. Powell.

Macon, Ga.

My Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We praise God for victory in Macon. We are determined to press on till Jesus comes.

We baptized seven in water last Sunday, received three into the church, administered the Lord's supper and washed the saints' feet. We now have a little church of fifteen members for which we thank God.

We desire the prayers of the saints.

Your little brother,
S. C. Elrod.

Kingston, Jamaica.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings From the Tropics:

I am truly glad to report victory from this beautiful land of sunshine and charms.

I have found many honest hearts, and oh! so hungry for the real truth. I look on this as being a great opportunity for the Church of God to do some real missionary work.

The first great need is for some one to take the oversight of the work. There are a number of native workers who can do good work but they want some one to counsel and advise them until they are more fully acquainted with the principles of the Church of God.

They gave us such a hearty welcome and said: "We have prayed so long for God to send some one to help us; I am sure He has sent you."

God has blessed in a wonderful way. It is no trouble to preach here. If some one wants to preach, this is a great field.

The Church of God has been set in order and the good work has begun. We have four preachers in the church and they are real anxious for the work to spread to other parts of the island.

This is certainly a great harvest field. How we should pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers in to the harvest and as we pray, listen to the voice of God and whatsoever He sayeth unto you, do it. Oh, that God would put these precious souls on our hearts until we will cry and pray till God furnishes workers and money to send them and this lost world hears of the

God that loves them, the Christ that died for them, the precious Holy Ghost who came to comfort them, the one fold into which they are to be gathered and the Chief Shepherd who soon shall appear and give to all the true and faithful a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Yours to rescue the perishing.
J. S. Llewellyn.

AT REST.

Our esteemed Sister Middlebrooks, wife of T. J. Middlebrooks, of Atlanta, Georgia, departed this life May 11, 1918.

Sister Middlebrooks received the Holy Ghost years ago. Recently she became a member of the Church of God and was delighted with it.

On Saturday night she was attending a meeting at the home of Brother D. N. Baldwin. The meeting had gotten into full way and the testimonies were ringing out. Among others, Sister Middlebrooks testified with the usual ring. The power of the Lord came upon her and she rejoiced in Him. Some seem to think death struck her while standing on the floor, anyway she had crossed over in about twenty minutes after she had given her last and dying testimony for Him whom she loved so well. She was apparently well when she left home and went into the meeting with the same zeal as ever before.

A husband, one son, three daughters and a host of friends are left to mourn her loss, but we feel sure that she is rejoicing with the happy millions on the other shining shore.

A home over there with the shining ones
Is far better than one under the sun.

A happy reception will surely be given
To all who enter the gates of heaven.

"She will be waiting,
Having met all the friends,
For the balance of the family
When their pilgrimage ends.

Long cherished hopes
And songs of delight
With radiance and sweetness
Will then be lost in sight.
M. S. Lemons.

Sister Middlebrooks was born in Tennessee March 13, 1861. Her maiden name was Broyles. She was married to Thomas J. Middlebrooks October 10, 1889. They lived happily together until the end came and she went to live with Jesus.

She lived a Christian life for thirty-one years. When the light of Pentecost came, following her husband in the light, she was baptized with the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4, in October 1907. Since that time she has been a faithful worker for Jesus, a co-worker with her husband and Rev. Charley Holt, in the great battle for the right, no one rendering greater service in helping others at the altar and in testifying of Jesus to the world. Her beautiful testimonies, fervent and effectual prayers, her countenance radiant with the expression of love has brought many poor lost souls to Jesus. The writer will never forget her prayers and words of comfort while he was tarrying at the altar for the baptism.

Sister Middlebrooks was a great believer in the Church of God of which she was a faithful member. Such zeal for the church is seldom found.

She has often said in her testimonies that she wanted to "die in the harness" and God granted her desire. While at the home of Brother D. N. Baldwin, at the regular Saturday night prayer meeting, she was standing up giving her testimony for Jesus when the death angel came and touched her body. In thirty minutes the body was still in death and her spirit was with Jesus and all the redeemed.

Another home made sad while the angels were rejoicing that another had come to that city where no sorrow, sadness, sickness, or death can ever enter—no unclean thing, yea, none but those who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

We weep not as those who have no hope, for we know that Sister Middlebrooks is not dead, but liveth forever. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Weep not dear husband and children for your loss is heaven's gain and if you continue faithful unto the end you will meet mother again in that city where no parting ever comes, no weeping nor sadness, but joy and gladness peace, love and eternal life remains while the cycles of eternity roll on. You will rejoice with mother and all the blood-washed saints forever and ever in the presence of our Lord and King.

Weep not dear husband,
But rather rejoice;
For Jesus is calling
Oh! hear His sweet voice.
The time will soon come
And you must obey,
The voice of the angel
Is calling each day.

Weep not dear children,
Get ready to go
And meet dear mother
Who is gone from below.
She is anxiously waiting
For you up there
That you may be with her
And her glory you'll share.

Weep not dear friends,
Get ready and obey,
The voice of Jesus
Is calling today.
The time will soon come
And you'll bid all adieu,
The angel of death
Will be calling for you.
James E. Wilkins.

Birchwood, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for the way He keeps me. I am so glad I feel no condemnation in my heart. I have a greater determination to press on than ever before.

I am a member of the Church of God and I desire the saints of God to pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost, that I may be able to overcome all the temptations with which I come in contact.

The Lord says that if we love Him we will keep His commandments that we love one another even as He has loved us. I want to obey every command that I may be able to trust Him for His promises to His children.

Your brother,
A. J. Hixon.

Moor Haven, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus Name:

I am still saved and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am feeling just as good today as I did at the camp meeting when I received the experience. This is a holy and a sweet way.

Jesus has taught us that not every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but they that do His Father's will. Please pray that I may stay in the center of God's will that He may say, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Your brother in Christ,
Samuel C. James.

Request.

Mrs. L. J. Byrd of Brunswick, Ga., is suffering as a result of cold having settled in her throat and left lung, and with kidney trouble also. She desires the prayers of the saints for her healing.

Great Meeting at Dora, Ala.

The revival at Dora, Alabama began May 4, 1918. Brother W. F. Bryant and Brother Luther Richard were called to assist the pastor, T. A. Richard. As they began to preach the Word the saints began to go down under the burden for lost souls for nineteen days and God did wonderfully move upon the people. The altar was crowded with earnest seekers at every service.

Multitudes attended the services, inasmuch that the building could not accommodate them and there was such conviction that people on the outside fell crying and calling for prayer. Saints were called out of the house to pray for penitent souls.

People came from two to four hundred miles to receive the Holy Ghost and they were not disappointed for we heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Praise our God!

God honored the Word given out so faithfully by these servants of God. Some times there was holy quietness then praises burst forth as a storm, some dancing and leaping for joy, others talking in tongues. Many were saved and sanctified and twenty-nine were wonderfully baptized with the Holy Ghost. Many sick people were healed. The saints were built up in the most holy faith. Such love abounded among them. Twenty-five were added to the church and fifteen baptized in water.

Many say this is the most wonderful revival ever held at Dora. We are expecting it to continue until Jesus comes.

Praise God for all He has done here at this place. Everybody loves everybody and there is perfect unity among the saints. We shall never forget the shining faces, kind words and hospitable homes.

Mrs. Mary Howell,
Birmingham, Ala.

Bybee, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are still in the battle here. God is giving us victory. Glory! Seventeen have received the Holy Ghost. Most of them were saved and sanctified in this meeting.

Twenty were baptized in water yesterday. How the Spirit was manifest! It was beautiful and glorious.

God has been manifesting His power in a way that many are convinced that this is the true way. The baptizing was very convincing. Many are under conviction and are seeking God.

We want to establish the church here. A lot for a building has been offered, also some have volunteered to help with the building.

Pray for us.

Yours in His service,
H. L. Trim and Wife.

Palestine, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for saving me from sin and sanctifying me two and one half years ago, and then baptizing me with the Holy Ghost last August. I am determined to go all the way with the Lord. Glory to His name!

I am not a member of the

Church of God but I know it is the only church I can find in the Bible.

There is no church here, but I pray that there will be before the year is gone. I hope some one will come here and hold a meeting this summer, that souls may be brought to Christ.

I covet the prayers of all the saints everywhere.

Your brother,
J. N. Perry.

Winston Salem, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to say I am converted and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The "old man" is put off and the "New Man", Christ Jesus has taken his place.

I was raised up in the Baptist Church but the Lord brought me into the way of holiness.

In the meeting here on May 14, three received the Holy Ghost and one was sanctified that night.

B. M. McKinney.

Burrville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. I praise Him for His mighty power.

We are here in Burrville where there are no members of the Church of God. Some are sanctified and some claim the baptism of the Holy Ghost without the tongues. They need teaching. Pray that God will send some one here to give out the Word. We need some one to give out the Word in love. Love is what the world is needing. Today, God's people need to get where they can win the world by love. May God help us to be filled with love and wisdom.

Please pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will.

Your sister in Christ,
S. E. Blakely.

Bloomington Springs, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to testify to being a child of God. The Lord has saved me from sin, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I am so glad I am in the way of holiness. I didn't start to turn back, but I mean to go all the way. I mean to hold to God's unchanging hand.

I enjoy reading the Evangel; it is food to my soul.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may be a worker for the Lord and prove faithful till He comes.

Your brother,
Carlus Vickers.

Notice.

The West Virginia state assembly will convene June 14-16. Everybody is invited. We especially request all ministers, deacons and clerks of the Church of God to be there.

This is for special instruction concerning the Church of God. If any one has a subject for consideration write me before the assembly.

Let us lay aside everything and come and enjoy a feast of good things from the Lord.

On June 16, we expect to have a baptismal service.

W. M. Rumler,
Cedar Grove, W. Va.

Red Bay, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for the great plan of salvation. Glory to God! I feel the Pentecostal fire burning in my soul.

I thank God for sending Brother Davis and Brother Price down here to tell us about the Church of God. They set the church in order with fifteen members. Others are to come in later. We are moving along nicely with great victory in our souls.

Your brother in Christ,
Raymond Funderback.

Notice.

June 9, 1918, a meeting will begin at the falls on Steinhatchee river, three miles south of Clara, Fla., and one mile east of Clara church. Our pastor, Brother I. H. Marks, will be in charge. Other workers are expected to be with us. For information write S. Jackson, Clara, Fla.

Mrs. Nelia Jackson,
clerk.

Coffeerville, Miss.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am a sufferer with tuberculosis. Since January 28 I have fully trusted the Lord. At that time I was in the hospital. I decided to lay aside medicine and all earthly help and give myself entirely over to the Lord. I was so weak I could hardly walk.

I have been constantly asking the elders and the church to pray for me and I have been gradually getting better.

The Lord has spoken to my heart telling me to go and tell the lost world of God's power, of how they can be saved by believing and keeping His Word.

I am now able to ride eight and ten miles through this hill country to my appointments. I started right out saying I was ready to go anywhere that the people wanted to hear the full gospel preached and I have more calls than I can fill. I have been preaching every Sunday and I'm determined to work in God's vineyard the remainder of my life.

The devil is mad about my promise to work for God and has afflicted me with rheumatism. I want to ask the dear brethren and sisters to pray for my deliverance and that the Lord will instruct me in His Word that I may rightly divide it.

Now, dear friends, please consider my condition and pray earnestly for me.

I praise God for the Holy Ghost. We are in a dark corner, but we hold to the Lord.

Your brother in Jesus,
Will C. OLeary.

Mannville, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have often desired to write my testimony as the Lord has done so much for me.

In the year 1911 He really saved and sanctified me, later He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I know He abides now. Bless His name!

Today finds me still determined to press onward. I mean to follow Jesus all the way.

I am glad I can trust the Lord for soul and body. He is mine and I am His.

We are living in a place where there are no Holiness people. It is a wicked place. We would be glad if some minister would come here. We would take care of him and do the best we could for him. I believe there are some who would accept the truth if it were preached to them.

Yours in Christ,
Nancy Davis.

Report.

Sister Deaver and others have just closed a meeting at Somerset, Ky., in which a number were saved and sanctified and three were added to the church.

J. M. Pence.

Gone to Be With Jesus.

Little Lois, eight-year-old daughter of Sister Osie Henderson was called home Jan. 11, 1918. She was a very bright child and had a love for God and His Word. To see her was to love her.

The writer was called to attend the funeral service and upon arriving at the cemetery we learned that Sister Herndon was to be buried at the same hour. 'Twas a touching scene. As we looked upon the deceased mother who had had the care of a home for forty-two years, and the little child, all seemed to realize that both young and old must go.

The bereaved ones have our sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

J. W. Culpepper.

Lafayette, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for full salvation. I have been in the service of God for fifty years. He forgave my sins and later I heard the full gospel preached and accepted it.

I am now in my eightieth year. The Lord has been my strength, healer and Comforter. I am nearing the end I know, but glory! my soul is filled with the love and glory of God. Oh, praise His dear name!

The Lord has seen fit to take my dear companion, leaving me very lonely, but praise God, it will not be long until we shall meet Jesus. I am looking for Him to come or call.

I love to read the Evangel. It is food for my soul. I cannot do without it, it is such a help to me.

There is no Church of God near us and nobody believes in holiness except my two daughters and myself. We would be glad for some Spirit-filled minister to come here and conduct a meeting.

Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. R. E. Hampton.

Sebring, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for His goodness to me. I thank God for Jesus who picked me up out of sin, sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise Him forever!

I praise Him for His healing power. About six months ago I was taken very ill with measles. I knew the Lord could heal so I began calling upon Him. I was so sick I felt that I could not stand it much longer. I was not excited nor anything of the kind, but I made up my mind to send for the saints to come and pray for me. They came, prayed, and I got better.

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